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Subject: FW: Wyandotte update

Hi Joe,

Thanks for meeting with us today. From the meeting I got that EPA believes, based on its data review, no change in course is needed. EPA awaits BASF 30% percent design submittal in September. Although we discussed the need for more near term interim actions, not sure I heard EPA commit to making such a request of BASF. I heard that EGLE could use its authority to seek more immediate actions to incorporate into the final remedy.

I received the email below which seems to contradict my perspective on our meeting outcomes. Specifically the exploring possible solutions in the short-term that could minimize the contamination migrating into the river before the comprehensive remedy is constructed in 2023. In the meeting, it was stated that the schedule for construction has not been set.

Per my notes, the meeting outcomes included EGLE/EPA should agree on remedy performance criteria (i.e. meet GSI criteria, inward gradient), look for opportunities to tighten the deliverables schedule, and include contingencies for missed deadlines.

In terms other factors to consider is the location of 2 municipal drinking water intakes near BASF, EPA release of new drinking water health advisories for PFAS chemicals, and detections of PFAS and other chemicals migrating from BASF property.

Please correct me if I misunderstood our discussions. Also we are open to additional discussions to identify possible solutions.

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Subject: RE: Wyandotte update

Thanks Aaron.

HW Section staff are meeting with US EPA at 2 PM (they have regularly scheduled meetings). What is outlined from Debra Shore is consistent with the discussions being had at our level. Liz.

From: Keatley, Aaron (EGLE) <KeatleyA@michigan.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 12:01 PM

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Subject: FW: Wyandotte update

See below for EPA's plans around BASF. Looks like there is a meeting between EPA and EGLE today on this. Hopefully you all are plugged in...

From: Clark, Liesl (EGLE) <ClarkL20@michigan.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 10:15 AM

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Subject: FW: Wyandotte update

From: Shore, Debra <Shore.Debra@epa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 10:15 AM

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Good morning Liesl –

I understand our folks are meeting with EGLE today to discuss possible solutions to present to BASF. Here are some other items that R5 brownfields folks provided to me.

We are taking the following steps with respect to concerns raised by MEGLE regarding the BASF North Works site in Wyandotte, Michigan:

- LCRD shared MEGLE's April 13, 2022 correspondence outlining concerns about the site with BASF and initiated discussions with BASF to explore additional interim cleanup measures and options to expedite our remediation steps for the site.
- LCRD is working with MEGLE to further explore possible solutions in the short term that could minimize the contamination migrating into the river before the comprehensive remedy is constructed in 2023.
- LCRD is exploring opportunities to expedite the deliverables and remedy selection so that the remedy construction can begin as early as possible.
- EPA will be publishing a webpage for BASF North Works that provides an overview of the Site's cleanup work including prior investigations and current efforts.

Hope this helps.

Debra

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